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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR SECURITY PROJECT, FBO
PROP X02031

1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING CERTAIN SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE USIS OFFICE BUILDING. PRELIMINARY PLANS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY RSO BANNERMAN TO SY WHILE ON HOME LEAVE.

2. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE ONLY CONTRACTOR INTERESTED AND CAPABLE OF COMPLETING THE PROJECT. HE HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSY AND STATED THAT SINCE HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITY IS SLACK, HE IS INTERESTED IN BEGINNING THE PROJECT. MINOR RENOVATIONS OF THIS TYPE ARE NOT NORMALLY STARTED HERE IN THE MORE THAN 100 DEGREE SUMMER HEAT. THEREFORE, HE HAS THE TIME AND ALSO HAS LABORERS HE WISHES TO KEEP OCCUPIED.

3. AFTER AN AGGRESSIVE BARGAINING SESSION, CONTRACTOR'S BID REDUCED FROM DOLS 17,000 TO DOLS 11,000. SINCE HE EXPECTS BUSINESS TO PICK UP SOON, HE STATES BID IS ONLY FIRM UNTIL JULY 15, 1977.

4. IN LIGHT OF REDUCED COST ESTIMATE, WE WOULD LIKE FUNDING AUTHORITY FOR DOLS 11,000. FBO TEAM INDICATED FUNDS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN FY-78. IF FBO/SY CAN FUND
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PROJECT NOW, DOLS 17,000 REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT IN FY-78 FBO BUDGET SUBMISSION MAY BE DELETED.

5. UPDATED PLANS FOR THIS SECURITY MODIFICATION ARE BEING POUCHED THIS DATE TO FBO AND SY.

6. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THIS PROJECT NOW WHILE THE

CONTRACTOR HAS NO OTHER BUSINESS WOULD BENEFIT THE POST IN
ITS RESPONSE TO THE THREAT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND
ALSO SAVE THE USG DOLS 6,000. CONTRACTOR EXPECTS AN UPSURGE
IN BUSINESS IN THE COLLER PART OF THE YEAR AND FEELS THAT
IF WE WAIT HE WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE TO CHARGE MORE
THAN THE DOLS 11,000 BUT ALSO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO START UNTIL
AFTER CHRISTMAS.

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